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Monthly Report -- Abidjan Bureau

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ABIDJAN BUREAU



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1 February 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--January 1988

I. GENERAL

Plans to relocate the Chancery have apparently reached a temporary standstill. The latest two proposed sites, both existing buildings--one in the downtown section of the city and the other two blocks from the bureau--have been dropped from consideration. The original plan to purchase a plot of land near the Hotel Ivoire and build a new Chancery has by default become the primary alternative though it is questionable whether the necessary funds can be obtained. Meanwhile, the Embassy is continuing to search for a suitable existing building.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major event in January was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Nigeria for talks with President Babangida, the first visit by a British head of state since Harold Wilson in 1966. Many had expected some fireworks over the issue of South African sanctions but this did not occur, at least publically. President Babangida did however raise the issue in his 8 January banquet speech when he noted: "Our two governments are therefore agreed that apartheid must be dismantled. It is on the methodology that we differ." Aside from some minor public demonstrations, the visit appeared to go smoothly. The comment and reportage on the visit by other area media was noticeably sparse.

2. Burkina Faso continued a high level of diplomatic activity in the aftermath of the October coup. Early in the month, Head of State Blaise Compaore visited Libya for talks with Al-Qadhdhafi followed by a visit by the foreign minister to Ghana in mid-month. This was in turn followed by a visit to Ghana by Compaore another scheduled Compaore visit, to meet with Ivory Coast President Houphouet-Boigny, was postponed at the last minute because Houphouet was said to be "tired." The general purpose of the visits was to strengthen good-neighborly ties, especially with the Ghanaian head of state who was thought to be personal friends with the deposed Burkinabe leader Thomas Sankara. Reports after the Ghana visit said that Ghana Head of State Rawlings had informed Compaore that Captain Kabore, a regional commander who had balked at following the new regime and eventually fled before armed forces loyal to Compaore, had "taken refuge in Ghana."

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3. In Zaire, President Mobutu announced on 14 January that the Zairians would be "reoriented" as a "deterrent force" following the intensive reequipping of the armies of certain unidentified neighboring countries. Various press agencies have stated this almost certainly means Angola. In other Zaire developments, Iran's envoy was denounced in several scathing commentaries for refusing to shake the hand of the Zairian first lady in a reception line. Also, a prominent Zairian opposition figure was arrested during a public demonstration critical of Mobutu.

B. Coverage

The bureau's coverage of AFP via the landline continues to be a problem due to the inability of the local PT&T to repair problems in transmission lines. We have backstopped from AFP high frequency but have had to rely on the Wire to backstop us at those times when the high frequency signal is not available locally.

C. Communications

BACH 2.0 was received and installed in the Communications Section this month.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

The bureau chief returned from R&R on 12 January.

B. Other

1. In addition to Frankfurt, Germany, London's Humana Hospital Wellington has been designated a medevac point for posts in Africa.

2. A security officer [] conducted a security inspection of the bureau on 26 January.

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IV. VISITS

FED Deputy Chief [] TDY'd at the bureau 17-21 January. During the visit, [] tested a computer-to-computer modem hook-up for communicating between Headquarters and the bureau. He also tested and demonstrated a computer program for controlling the bureau's press rack receivers.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

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Abidjan Bureau Production Report for January 88

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	255060
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	12320
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	689

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in
French

5330

Parakou Domestic Service in
French

0

Cotonou EHUZU in
French

0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in
French

20310

Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in
French

0

Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in
French

0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in
English

1750

Yaounde Domestic Service in
French

1800

Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in
English

0

Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in
French

0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in
Portuguese

0

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in
French

900

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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CHAD
Ndjamena Domestic Service in
French

14160

CLANDESTINE
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National
Radio in
French

0

CONGO
Brazzaville Domestic Service in
French

0

Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in
French

0

Brazzaville ETUMBA in
French

0

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french

0

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Bata Domestic Service in
Spanish

240

Malabo Domestic Service in
Spanish

460

FRANCE
Paris AFP in
English

6060

Paris AFP in
French

17410

Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
French

0

Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
English

0

Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in
French

1030

GABON
Libreville Africa No. 1 in
French

10190

*Libreville Africa No.1 in
English

0

Libreville Domestic Service in
French

980

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Libreville L'UNION in French		250
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GHANA		
Accra International Service in English	0	
Accra Domestic Service in English	31020	
Accra GHANAIAIAN TIMES in English		0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English		0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English		0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English		0

GREAT BRITAIN		
London BBC in English	21820	
London WEST AFRICA in English		0

GUINEA		
Conakry Domestic Service in French	14350	
Conakry HOROYA in French		0

GUINEA-BISSAU		
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese		150

IVORY COAST		
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	5860	
Abidjan Television Service in French	0	
Abidjan Ivoir'soir in French		0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French		0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French		980
Abidjan INFORMATION in French		0

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Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in
French

LIBERIA
Monrovia Domestic Service in
English

0

Monrovia Radio ELWA in
English

7160

Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in
English

MALI
Bamako Domestic Service in
French

8470

Bamako L'ESSOR in
French

MAURITANIA
Nouakchott Domestic Service in
French

3370

Nouakchott CHAAB in
French

NIGER
Niamey Domestic Service in
French

9260

Niamey LE SAHEL in
French

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in
French

NIGERIA
Lagos International Service in
English

2240

Lagos Domestic Service in
English

26690

Kaduna Domestic Service in
English

1610

Lagos NAN in
English

4160

Lagos DAILY TIMES in
English

150

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in
English

RWANDA
Kigali Domestic Service in
French

0

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SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in
French

8060

DAKAR PANA in
english

3960

Dakar PANA in
French

5260

Dakar LE SOLEIL in
French

1950

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in
English

740

Freetown DAILY MAIL in
English

0

THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in
English

0

TOGO

Lome International Service in
French

0

Lome Domestic Service in
French

7070

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in
French

0

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in
French

300

Kinshasa AZAF in
French

9560

Kinshasa ELIMA in
French

0